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- 1. In early January 1952 the North Korean 36 Army Field Hospital in Sudong-ni (126-36, 39-14) (BU-9345) had 550 patients and a staff of 15 surgeons and 25 nurses. Houses in a nearby village were requisitioned for the use of the hospital. The superintendent of the hospital was Lieutenant Colonel KIM (fnu), aged 38, a native of North Hamgyong Province.
- 2. The patients at the hospital received 700 grams of rice and 300 grams of other cereals per day, plus vegetables and soy bean soup. Sometimes they received eggs, mackerel, and other scarce foods. Patients were brought from the front to the rear areas by trucks, operating in teams of two or three. Sometimes the wounded were sent back by bicycle trailer on which straw stretchers were placed.
- 3. The supply of medicine at the 36 Army Field Rospital was seriously low.

 Medical herbs were gathered by civilian labor and most of the medicine used was extracted from these herbs. Some medicines were imported from the Soviet Union, Hungary, and China. Ten percent of the patients at the hospital died.
- 4. The seriousness of a patient's wounds determined to which hospital he would be sent. Patients who required more than 24 hours of treatment were sent to a battalion field hospital, those who required more than 5 days of treatment were sent to a regimental field hospital, patients who required 1 month of treatment were sent to a corps field hospital, those who were in need of 2 months of treatment were sent to the 36 Army Field Hospital, and patients who needed medical care until they were completely recovered were sent to the 39 Army Field Hospital.
- 5. The classification and education of North Korean military medical personnel are as follows: graduates from a six-month basic medical course are classified.

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fied as semi-surgeons, medical corps men who are trained in battalions and regiments become medical instructors after serving one and one-half to two years, those who have served as medical instructors for about 1 year are qualified for application to medical school, and those who have served as semi-surgeons three to three and one-half years are qualified to take exam-

6. Same other hospitals in North Korea in January 1952 were the following:

imations for full surgeon. Murses are trained at each hospital.

- a. The 24 Division Field Hospital, in Munch on-gun (127-13, 39-10) (CU-4636).
- b. The 7 Division Field Mospital, in Modong-mi (127-09, 39-08) (CL-4033).
- c. The 39 Army Field Mospital, with units in Plyongyang and Kyomip'o.
- d. The Ministry of Internal Affairs 32 Hospital, in the Yangdok (126-38, 39-13) (80-9643) hot springs area (approximately BU-981445).

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